Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a panel comprising:

forming a flexible skin and forming a flange that extends substantially entirely about the periphery of the skin;

coupling a compressible material to the skin;

positioning the skin and compressible material in a mold;

forming a rigid substrate by molding around the flange of the skin and compressible material to provide a first soft region and a visual boundary defined by a groove in the substrate that receives the flange and extends substantially entirely about the periphery of the area over which the skin is provided;

wherein the compressible material is disposed between the skin and the substrate so that a first soft region is defined by the compressible material.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13 wherein the flange comprises a folded back configuration that forms a protrusion.

15 (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13 wherein the substrate comprises a molded polymer material.

16 (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 15 wherein the skin is formed by vacuum forming and trimming a sheet.

17 (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16 wherein the sheet is thermoplastic olefin.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 17 wherein the compressible material is a foam material.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 18 wherein the foam material is a closed cell foam.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 18 wherein the foam is bonded to the skin.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 18 wherein the substrate is molded to at least partially encapsulate the flange.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13 wherein the panel is a vehicle door trim panel.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13 wherein the skin is formed, then the compressive material is coupled to the skin, then the substrate is molded to the skin and foam.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13 wherein a second soft region is defined by a portion of the skin in direct contact with the substrate.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13 wherein the step of forming the substrate comprises injection molding a plastic material.

26. (Currently Amended) A component for a vehicle interior comprising:

a flexible skin having a flange that extends substantially entirely about the periphery of the skin;

a compressible material coupled to the skin;

a rigid substrate having grooves that define an area;

wherein the flange of the skin [[are]] <u>is</u> coupled to and embedded in the grooves of the substrate which provides a visual boundary <u>between the skin and the substrate</u> defined by the groove and extends substantially entirely about the periphery of the area over which the skin is provided;

wherein the compressible material is located between the skin and the substrate and is configured to provide a first soft region<u>;</u>

wherein a second soft region is defined by a portion of the skin in direct contact with the substrate.

27. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 26 wherein the flange comprises a folded back configuration that forms a protrusion.

28. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 27 wherein the substrate comprises a molded polymer material.

29. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 28 wherein the skin is a vacuum formed and trimmed sheet of a thermoplastic olefin material.

30. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 29 wherein the compressible material is a foam material.

31. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 30 wherein the foam material is a closed cell foam.

32. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 30 wherein the foam is bonded to the skin.

33. (Currently Amended) The component of Claim 26 wherein the ~~panel~~ component is a vehicle door trim panel.

34. (Currently Amended) The component of Claim 26 wherein ~~a second soft region is defined by a portion of the skin in direct contact with the substrate~~ the boundary is filled in to provide the appearance of a seamless transition between the skin and the substrate.